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SUBJ: MAP AND PUBLICATIONS PROCUREMENT MISSION

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JANUARY 15, 1973

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT MAP/PUBLICATIONS MISSION VISIT GABON.
2. EMBASSY'S REASONS FOR TURNING DOWN SIMILAR VISIT IN JANUARY 1973 (LIBREVILLE REFTTEL) STILL VALID. NOW IS PARTICULARLY INOPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR MAP PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES IN GABON. JULY GABON-EQUATORIAL GUINEA BORDER PROBLEM IS VERY RECENT MEMORY HERE AND ONLY PARTIALLY RESOLVED. DURING BONGO-MACIAS NEGOTIATIONS, VARIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS INDICATED TWO LEADERS WISH TO CONCEAL PROBLEM FROM OUTSIDE WORLD AND MAINTAIN EVERY APPEARANCE OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY AND HARMONY. IN THIS ATMOSPHERE ANY ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN MAPS WOULD BE OPEN TO MISINTERPRETATION LOCALLY.
3. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY PROVIDED INR WITH 33 GENERAL MAPS OF GABON AND THE MAP CATALOG OF THE SOLE SOURCE OF LOCAL CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL (INSTITUT GEOGRAPHIQUE NATIONAL).
4. REQUEST LIBREVILLE BE DROPPED FROM MISSION ITINERARY.

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5. DECLAS UPON RECEIPT.

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